



PERSONNEL AND  
READINESS

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
4000 DEFENSE PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-4000

JUL 23 2004

AS  
RECEIVED

04 JUL 26 PM 3:33

SPEAKER'S ROOMS  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPS.

FT

T70589

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have authorized Vice Admiral Timothy J. Keating, United States Navy, to wear the insignia of admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777. This approval will not be executed prior to the expiration of the required 30-day congressional notification period. The Senate previously confirmed Vice Admiral Keating as the Commander, Northern Command/Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, and appointment to admiral. Vice Admiral Keating is projected for promotion upon the retirement of the incumbent, General Ralph E. Eberhart, United States Air Force.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Abell  
Principal Deputy

cc:

The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee  
The Honorable Ike Skelton  
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee